

I am in strongest opposition to any government mandated Digital Restrictions Management requirements for HDTV standards. Hollywood *will* abuse a no-record flag and push for the incorporation of a "no-time-shift" flag along with a "must-watch-commercial" flag.

If we cannot record a tv show, then we cannot space-shift or time-shift that show. This takes away our Supreme Court given Fair Use Rights (Betamax).

Browsing through the hundreds (possibly thousands) of public comments, I can only find one "Pro" comment, written by Phil Lelyveld, who happens to be a VP from the Disney Company. Disney has been the strongest proponent of retro-actively extended copy right protection (which is quite hypocritical, given that most of Disney's stories are remakes of public-domain novels such as Grim's Fairy tales). How many negative public comments would result in abandonment of this Broadcast Flag? Thousands against, Millions against? Does a hugely negative group of public comments actually count, or will all of these public comments be ignored?

This isn't a broadcast flag - it should correctly be called a Consumer Fair Use Prevention Flag.

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